

Regional Development News & Notes



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Thanks

My initial tour of the State is complete. This will serve as my blanket “thank you” to all the RDC Directors. Each site visit was an educational experience, and your insights have been a tremendous help in my ramp-up phase at OSP. Here are a few observations:

- Even though each RDC operates under the same premise, approaches and techniques for achieving economic development vary from RDC to RDC. This seems to be partly a function of regional differences, and partly due to the Director and his/her Board. No one formula is being used statewide, but each RDC is providing valuable assistance to the communities it serves.
- Some RDCs need more dollars in their Revolving Loan Funds. CDBG loans are a good way to build these coffers.
- Under the current economic climate, RDC services will be in greater demand.
- Two regions in the state are currently without RDC coverage. This is being addressed.
- The ultimate landscape of our NH RDCs is yet to be seen. The good news is that we have a good base to work from, and economic development is happening!

Agenda Set

The *preliminary* agenda for our November 28th meeting is on the back of this sheet. A final agenda will be sent before the event.

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I’m pleased to report that rdc-link is up and running! Each RDC Director (and selected others) has been subscribed to this listserve and, thus, can access it to share information, pose questions, or throw ideas out for discussion. Consider it your interactive, on-line communicator.

REMEMBER: When replying to an rdc-link posting, simply hitting “reply” on your e-mail will only get your message to the sender of the posting. To ensure that all rdc-link subscribers see your reply, you must also reply to rdc-link@webster.state.nh.us.

Alliance Corner



- The October 15th Board Meeting was cancelled. No new date has been set as of this writing.
- Alliance President Dennis McCann reports that CDFA has turned down a request for Tax Credit allocations to the Alliance. These Tax Credits would have been used as an incentive for banks to contribute dollars to a statewide Revolving Loan Fund. The RLF would have been accessible to all New Hampshire RDCs.



AGENDA



New Hampshire RDC Statewide Meeting Wednesday, November 28, 2001

**Grappone Conference Center @ Marriott Courtyard
70 Constitution Ave. / Concord, NH
9:00am-2:00pm**

- 9:00** Welcome and introductions
- 9:15** Introductory remarks: Jeff Taylor, OSP Director
- 9:30** Quick status update from each RDC
- 10:00** Roundtable forum (possible topics):
- Health of the NH economy in each region
 - Good news/bad news from RDCs
 - Relative health of RDCs
 - Anticipated funding shortfalls
 - Interaction between RDCs and State organizations
 - Demand for RDC services in current economy
- 10:30** Break
- 10:45** Roundtable (continued)
- 11:30** E.D. Success Story: Niel Cannon / Executive Director – CRDC
- 12:00** Lunch
- 1:00** Regional Development Coordinator's role with the RDCs
- 1:30** Quarterly RDC meetings?
- 1:45** Other business
- 2:00** Adjourn